[President.]

ning to say that the quota of rice supplied is very bad and therefore they will strike work from such and such a date. In fact, here is a report from Alleppey that the Coir workers are going to strike work on account of the bad quality of the rice supplied to them. In that state of mind which prevails not only here, but throughout India, to make the suggestion that the Government are stealing money or starting monopolies, is very unsatisfactory.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: There is no such insinuation.

President: Honourable member will kindly see the point. I do not want to blame the honourable member, especially as such questions are being asked by other honourable members. Nor do I wish to blame the honourable members, but I do fully realise the fact that having heard some rumour the honourable member might have got agitated and put the question. But I want to make it clear that if honourable members come to hear of such things--for example, one honourable member in the other House went on to suggest that the aerodrome was built because the Dewan wanted to fly constantly to Delhi, which was a legitimate question—before finding out the exact facts, they should not put such questions. I am not blaming the honourable member. I am only pointing out the difficulty that may arise by such questions which give room for the possibility of inferences.

Food grains.

10. ***Mr. A. N. Satyanesan:** Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity of food-grains, received from outside from 1st Chingom to end of Medom 1121?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: 67,868 tons of foodgrains.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: സാധാരണ സംഗതിയിൽ സംസ്ഥാനമൊട്ടുക്ക് ഒരു മാസത്തേക്കു എത്രമാത്രം ആഹാരസാധനങ്ങൾ വേണ്ടി വരുമെന്നു കണക്കെടുക്കുണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: Yer, Sir.

Audit of Accounts of the Food Supply Department.

11. ***Mr. Paul A. Thaliath:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any audit of accounts of the grain-purchasing and distributing section of the Food Supply Department has been carried out in the years 1118, 1119, 1120 and 1121;

(*b*) whether any audit reports have been received for any of these years; and

(*c*) if so, the amount of loss or gain made during these years respectively?

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Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar : (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) The audit of the accounts up to the end of 1120 is almost complete and a statement of accounts in the close of 1120 will be available shortly.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath : May I know whether the audit of 1118 and 1119 has been finished ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar : Yes, Sir. The audit of the entire accounts from the commencement up to 1120 has been completed, and the report will be shortly published.

President : Order, order. I have undertaken to get that published before the 1st of Chingom, 1122.

Accounts of the Food Supplies Department.

12. ***Mr. Paul A Thaliath :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the accounts of the Food Supply Department have been audited for the years 1118, 1119, 1120 and 1121 and balance sheets and profit and loss accounts drawn up ; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, will they place them on the table ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar : (*a*) and (*b*) The audit of the accounts of the year 1121 can be taken up only after the close of that year. The audit of the accounts up to the end of 1120 is almost complete and a statement of accounts to the close of 1120 will be available shortly.

Food grains godowns and depots.

13. ***Mr. Paul A Thaliath :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any responsible officer has checked and inspected the godowns and depots etc., where food grains are stored and submitted his reports for the years 1118, 1119, 1120 and 1121 respectively ; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, to place on the table copies of the same ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar : (*a*) The District Magistrate on Special Duty and the Director of Food Supplies have checked and inspected the godowns and depots from time to time. No reports have been submitted to Government. A complete physical verification of the entire stock in different godowns has been carried out in 1120-21 and the report is under examination.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the answer to (*a*).

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14. ***Mr. G. Revi Varma :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

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